

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) An integrated computerized system having one or more computer devices for preparing for the accomplishment of a task, said system comprising:

a training module selectively executed by the one or more computer devices for providing interactive training to a user regarding how to perform said task, for tracking training said user has received for performing said task, and for selectively transmitting to another module of the integrated system information relating to training said user has received for performing said task;

an estimating module dynamically executed by the one or more computer devices for estimating the cost of at least one of (i) materials and (ii) services required for said task, for tracking information relating to at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services for performing said task, and for selectively transmitting to another module of the integrated system information relating to at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services for performing said task; and

a purchasing module selectively executed by the one or more computer devices for providing means for purchasing at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services.

2. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said training comprises on-line multimedia exercises.

3. (previously presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising user input information relating to said task, said user input information for use in said estimating module.

4. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said training module allows said user to compile and edit a task specific database of materials and supplies required to perform said task.

5. (canceled)

6. (previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein said estimating module allows said user to estimate the cost of personally obtaining said materials and said supplies required to perform said task.

7. (previously presented) The system of claim 6, wherein said services relate to professional services to accomplish said task.

8. (previously presented) The system of claim 7, wherein said purchasing module further comprises means for providing a dynamic comparison of said cost of professional services to said cost of obtaining said material and said supplies to evaluate whether any savings are incurred by performing said task are justified.

9. (previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein said purchasing module comprises an on-line link to said materials on a retailer's site.

10. (canceled)

11. (canceled)

12. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said purchasing module allows a user to contact a professional to perform said task.

13. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said system is implemented as an integrated Internet site.

14. (previously presented) A method of preparing for the accomplishment of a task, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving user input at a computer system, said user input including information pertaining to said task;

selectively training a user through a training module of said computer system regarding how to perform said task, said training utilizing said user input;

selectively tracking said training received by said user;

selectively transmitting information relating to said tracked training to any other module of said computer system;

estimating the cost of at least one of (i) materials and (ii) services required for said task, wherein the step of estimating is performed by a estimating module of said computer system;

selectively tracking information relating to at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services required for said task;

selectively transmitting information relating to at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services required for said task to any other module of said computer system; electronically determining by the computer system whether to perform said task or to have said task performed professionally, wherein said determination comprises:

accessing electronically the tracked training to determine whether the user has completed trainings relevant to the performance of said task, wherein the tracked training information is utilized in both the estimation and purchasing modules;

purchasing at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services required for said task; and

realizing performance of said task.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein said step of training is interactive based on said user input.

16. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein said method comprises on-line multimedia exercises.

17. (canceled)

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising compiling and editing an electronic task specific record of materials and supplies required to perform said task; and

updateding and utilizing said electronic task specific record in said step of estimating and said step of purchasing.

19. (canceled).

20. (canceled).

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said estimating module allows said user to estimate the cost of obtaining said materials and said supplies for performance of said task by said user and to estimate the cost of professional services required to perform said task .

22. (canceled).

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said step of electronically determining comprises comparing said cost of professional services to said cost of obtaining said material and said supplies to evaluate whether any savings are obtained by said user performing said task.

24. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein said step of purchasing utilizes a purchasing module allowing means for purchasing said materials needed for said task.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said purchasing module comprises an on-line link to said materials of a retailer's site.

26. (canceled).

27. (canceled).

28. (previously presented) The system of claim 25, wherein said purchasing module allows a user to contact a professional to perform said task.

29. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein said method is implemented as an integrated, interactive Internet site.

30. (previously presented) A computer program product for implementing within a computer system a method for initiating the accomplishment of a task, said computer program product comprising:

a computer readable medium for providing computer program code means utilized to implement the method, wherein the computer program code means is comprised of executable code for implementing the steps for:

gathering and storing information pertaining to at least one task;

executing a training module to selectively train a user regarding how to perform said task;

tracking and selectively transmitting training information provided to said user;

executing an estimating module to estimate the cost of (i) materials and (ii) services required for said task;

comparing the cost of performing said task by said user with the cost of having said task professionally performed;

tracking and selectively transmitting cost information;

executing a purchasing module to enable the purchasing of at least one of

(i) said materials and (ii) said services.

31. (canceled).

32. (canceled).

33. (canceled).

34. (previously presented) A method of preparing for the accomplishment of a task, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving user input at a computer system, said user input including information pertaining to said task;

selectively training a user through a training module of said computer system regarding how to perform said task, said training utilizing said user input;

selectively tracking said training received by said user;

selectively transmitting information relating to said tracked training to any other module of said computer system;

estimating the cost of at least one of (i) materials and (ii) services required for said task, wherein the step of estimating is performed by a estimating module of said computer system;

selectively tracking information relating to at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services required for said task;

selectively transmitting information relating to at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services required for said task to any other module of said computer system;

determining by said user whether to perform said task or to have said task performed professionally, wherein said determination is based at least in part on electronically accessing the information relating to said tracked training to determine whether the user has completed trainings relevant to the performance of said task;

purchasing at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services required for said task; and

realizing performance of said task.

35. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said step of training is interactive based on said user input.

36. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said method comprises on-line multimedia exercises.

37. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, further comprising

compiling and editing an electronic task specific record of materials and supplies required to perform said task; and

updateding and utilizing said electronic task specific record in said step of estimating and said step of purchasing.

38. (previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein said estimating module allows said user to estimate the cost of obtaining said materials and said supplies for performance of said task by said user and to estimate the cost of professional services required to perform said task .

39. (previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein said step of electronically determining comprises comparing said cost of professional services to said cost of obtaining said material and said supplies to evaluate whether any savings are obtained by said user performing said task.

40. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said step of purchasing utilizes a purchasing module allowing means for purchasing said materials needed for said task.

41. (new) The method of claim 40, wherein said purchasing module comprises an on-line link to said materials of a retailer's site.

42. (previously presented) The system of claim 41, wherein said purchasing module allows a user to contact a professional to perform said task.

43. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said method is implemented as an integrated, interactive Internet site.